IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

TUESDAY, THE FIFTH DAY OF OCTOBER
TWO THOUSAND AND FOUR

PRESENT

**THE HON'BLE SRI DEVINDER GUPTA, THE CHIEF JUSTICE**

**and**
**THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE C.V.RAMULU**

**WRIT PETITION NO : 17681 of 2004**

Between:

Captain J.Rama Rao, s/o late Sri J.Venkat Rao,
r/o Road No.12, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad.

**..... PETITIONER**

AND

1.Tirumala Tirupathi Devasthanams, Tirumala, Chittoor District rep., by its Executive Officer.
2. The Government of Andhra Pradesh, represented by its Secretary, Endowment Department, Hyderabad.

**.....RESPONDENTS**

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the Affidavit filed herein the High Court will be pleased to issue a writ, direction or order more in the nature of a writ of mandamus declaring the action of the respondent in demolishing the Thousand Pillar Mantapam in Tirumala to be illegal, arbitrary and in violation of Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India, the principles of rule of law that are a part of the basic structure of the Constitution of India, various international declarations and conventions, the provision of the Ancient Monuments and Historic Sites and Remains (Central Act 24), 1958, the Ancient Monuments and Historic Sites and Remains Rules (Central), 1959, and the A.P.Ancient Monuments and Historic Sites and Remains (State) Act VII), 1960 and consequently direct the respondent to restore the Thousand Pillar Mantapam in its original location and form, using the appropriate help from experts in the fields of archaeology and restoration and working with national organizations.

**Counsel for the Petitioner: MR.K.S.MURTHY**

**Counsel for the Respondent No.1: Mr.Y.V.Ravi Prasad**

**Counsel for the Respondent No.2: G.P. for Endowments.**

**The Court made the following :**

**ORAL ORDER:**

(per The Honourable Sri Devinder Gupta, the Chief Justice)

For the said matter in question, namely, Thousand Pillar Mantapam in Tirumala, there is already a number of Writ Petitions pending adjudication where the scope of Writ Petitions is more than what is sought to be projected in this Writ Petition, which is sought to be filed as Public Interest Litigation. We are not inclined to multiply filing of such petitions as Public Interest Litigation. If the petitioner so chooses, he is at liberty to move appropriate application either for intervening or impleading in the said Writ petitions. With leave and liberty granted, this Writ Petition is dismissed. No costs.

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DEVINDER GUPTA, C.J.

5.10.2004.

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C.V.RAMULU, J.

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To

1. The Executive Officer, Tirumala Tirupathi Devasthanams, Tirumala, Chittoor District.
2. The Secretary, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Endowment Department, Hyderabad.

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